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DOCKET NO., AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the September 8, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 8, 2004 Office Action was originally due December 8, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the corresponding fee of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$450.00) for the two-month extension of time to Deposit Account 50-1891. Accordingly, a

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response is now due February 8, 2005, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Applicants also hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination to continue the prosecution of this application. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the corresponding fee of SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$790.00) to Deposit Account 50-1891. A copy of the Request for Continued Examination Transmittal form (PTO/SB/30) is attached herein as Exhibit A.

Additionally, Applicants hereby submit a Change of Correspondence Address form to associate the above-identified application with Customer Number 33729. A copy of the Change of Correspondence Address form (PTO/SB/122) is attached herein as Exhibit B.

Furthermore, the Attorney Docket No. for this application is incorrectly shown as "29876/37280." Please amend the USPTO records to correctly show the Attorney Docket No. as "746."

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (PTO/SB/08A) is attached herein as Exhibit C, and a copy of the reference is attached herein as Exhibit D.

On Exhibit C, the reference listed is as follows:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,182,413 B1, filed July 27, 1999

In the December 16, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the IDS citing foreign patent document, Hai LIN, CN

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2438558Y, filed October 8, 2000, did not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and MPEP § 609, because there was not a concise explanation of its relevance in English. In response, Applicants hereby submit, as Exhibit E, an English translation of the Abstract of LIN.

Claim amendment fee calculation

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	14	Minus	20	0	X \$50.00	\$0.00
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No additional claims fees are required for filing this Amendment.

Please amend the specification as follows: